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S. 312

To revise the boundary of the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Larue County, Kentucky, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REVISION OF BOUNDARY OF ABRAHAM LIN-**
4 **COLN BIRTHPLACE NATIONAL HISTORIC**
5 **SITE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—On acquisition of the land known
7 as Knob Creek Farm pursuant to subsection (b), the
8 boundary of the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National
9 Historic Site, established by the Act of July 17, 1916 (39

1 Stat. 385, chapter 247; 16 U.S.C. 211 et seq.), is revised
 2 to include the land.

3 (b) ACQUISITION OF KNOB CREEK FARM.—The Sec-
 4 retary of the Interior may acquire, by donation only, the
 5 approximately 228 acres of land known as Knob Creek
 6 Farm in Larue County, Kentucky.

7 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF SURROUNDING RESOURCES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
 9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall study
 10 the area between and surrounding the Abraham Lincoln
 11 Birthplace National Historic Site and the Knob Creek
 12 Farm in Larue County, Kentucky.

13 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the study shall be
 14 to—

15 (1) protect the resources of the Knob Creek
 16 Farm from incompatible adjacent land uses; and

17 (2) identify significant resources associated with
 18 the early boyhood of Abraham Lincoln.

19 (c) CONSIDERATIONS OF AREA STUDIED.—In exam-
 20 ining the area under study, the Secretary shall consider—

21 (1) whether the area—

22 (A) possesses nationally significant natu-
 23 ral, cultural, or recreational resources;

24 (B) represents an important examples of a
 25 particular resource type in the country;

1 (C) is a suitable and feasible addition to
2 the National Park System; and

3 (D) is appropriate to ensure long-term re-
4 source protection and visitor use;

5 (2) the public use potential of the area;

6 (3) the potential outdoor recreational oppor-
7 tunity provided by the area;

8 (4) the interpretive and educational potential of
9 the area;

10 (5) costs associated with the acquisition, devel-
11 opment, and operation of the area;

12 (6) the socioeconomic impacts of a designation
13 of the area as part of the Abraham Lincoln Birth-
14 place National Historic Site; and

15 (7) the level of local and general public support
16 for designating the area as part of the Abraham
17 Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site.

18 (d) RESOURCES OF AREA STUDIED.—In examining
19 a resource of the area under study, the Secretary shall
20 consider—

21 (1) the rarity and integrity of the resource;

22 (2) the threats to the resource; and

23 (3) whether similar resources are already pro-
24 tected in the National Park System or in other Fed-
25 eral, State, or private ownership.

1 (e) MANAGEMENT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The study shall consider
3 whether direct National Park Service management
4 or alternative protection by other agencies or the
5 private sector is appropriate for the area under
6 study.

7 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVES.—The
8 study shall identify which alternative or combination
9 of alternatives would be most effective and efficient
10 in protecting significant resources and providing for
11 public enjoyment.

12 (f) SUBMISSION.—The Secretary shall submit the
13 study to the Committee on Resources of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
15 Resources of the Senate.

16 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
18 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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